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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMITTEE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY: BUDGET
FOR SECOND CYCLE

1. SECRETARY OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE BENAVIDES BY LETTER OF 28 JUNE TO EMBASSY REP REPORTS THE APPROVAL BY SPANISH COCHAIRMAN BARROSO, WITH ONE EXCEPTION, OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR THE USE OF FY78 AND REMNANT FY77 FUNDS WHICH WAS PRESENTED ORALLY AT THE PLENARY MEETING OF JUNE 20 AND BY LETTER OF JUNE 21 FROM ACTING U.S. COCHAIRMAN RYLANCE TO BARROSO. THE EXCEPTION IS THAT THE SPANISH SIDE WISHES TO CARRY FORWARD THE \$59,279 AVAILABLE FROM THE TWO DECLINED DIRECT RESEARCH PROPOSALS TO THE LINE ITEM FOR DIRECT RESEARCH AND INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS, RATHER THAN TO THE LINE ITEM FOR COOPERATIVE RESEARCH GRANTS, AS WE PROPOSED. THIS WOULD INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE ALLOCATION FOR DIRECT RESEARCH AND INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS FROM 10.1 PERCENT TO 11.2 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL BUDGET.

2. SECRETARY BENAVIDES, IN A LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE U.S. COCHAIRMAN DATED JUNE 23, INFORMED HIM THAT \$15,326 OF FY77 FUNDS HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE IN ADDITION TO THE \$74,839 PREVIOUSLY RECORDED. \$8,000 CAME FROM A POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP GRANT DECLINED BY THE GRANTEE
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AND \$7,326 FROM RECENTLY COMPLETED TRAVEL GRANTS WHICH COST LESS THAN THE AMOUNTS ESTIMATED. THEREFORE THERE IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR POSTDOCTORAL GRANTS \$90,165 OF FY77 FUNDS TO WHICH WILL BE ADDED \$414,000 OF FY78 FUNDS, WHEN ACTION ON THE INSTRUMENT OF OBLIGATION IS COMPLETED (SEE PARA. 3), FOR A TOTAL OF \$504,165. THE 80 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL WHICH IS EARMARKED FOR SPANISH POSTDOCTORAL

GRANTS NOW COMES TO \$403,332, OR \$332 MORE THAN THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED FOR THE LIST OF SELECTED SPANISH APPLICANTS WHICH WAS PRESENTED AT THE JUNE 20 PLENARY.

3. SPANISH NOTE NO. 172 ACCEPTING EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 321 MAKING AVAILABLE \$4.6 MILLION OF FY78 FUNDS HAS BEEN REWRITTEN TO CONFORM IN DETAIL WITH THE EMBASSY'S NOTE AND IS PROMISED FOR JUNE 30. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ITS RECEIPT IMMEDIATELY, AND POUCH COPY AND TRANSLATION.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT APPROVE THE EXCEPTION REQUESTED BY THE SPANISH SIDE ON THE USE OF REMNANT DIRECT RESEARCH FUNDS (PARA. 1). A PROMPT REPLY IS REQUESTED SO THAT WE MAY PROCEED TO A FORMAL EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE COCHAIRMEN ESTABLISHING THE WHOLE BUDGET FOR THIS CYCLE AND THEN EFFECT THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR POSTDOCTORAL AND TRAVEL GRANTS IN TIMELY FASHION. COPIES OF THE LETTERS REFERRED TO AND INFORMAL TRANSLATIONS ARE BEING POUCHED. EATON

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